File# NA 748 A - Adams County - 38.7 acres

The Department acquired this property in 2000 as a part of a larger acquisition. At the time of purchase the Natural Resources Board directed the sale of this portion of the property falling outside the Dells of the Wisconsin River Natural Area project boundary.

This property is adjacent to DNR lands within Dells of the Wisconsin River State Natural Area but features targeted for conservation on the SNA are not present on this parcel and it does not serve as a significant buffer to the SNA. Primary use of the property is for hunting, mostly deer and turkey.

Linear pine plantations were recently clear-cut along a power line corridor in preparation for potential prairie planting of adjacent open areas. Selective timber harvests occurred recently in pine plantations on the eastern half of the property. The western 15 acres of open grassland is suitable for agriculture, though soils are sandy and irrigation may be needed for production.

The parcel is accessible from CTH Q and STH 13. Sale of this parcel would not affect access to the adjacent Department lands.

The Department's investment, although minimal, consists of maintaining posted boundaries and periodic site inspections.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.

